

Student Discipline

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Class of 1901



The Incident

President's Office Jan 10th 1901
The Faculty met as usual with all present.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
Conduct: The Senior Class, except Hughes, who was absent, were called in and the following charge was read to them. Organized disobedience of authority and combined action against an express order from the Trustees and Faculty in that said students knowing that the School exercises would be resumed Dec. 31st 1900, agreed to absent themselves from duty till Jan. 2^d 1901.
All the Seniors retired and the Senior Girls students ^{were} called in one at a time.

The Response

- At the next faculty meeting, the incident was addressed

1st. that said students be suspended for the following periods.
Testile students till 8 A.M. March 30th. 1901, that at said hour said
students will report to the President's office and shall be reinstated
on their promise to obey all requirements of the authorities hereafter
3rd. That the diplomas of said students shall be withheld till
said students shall have regularly attended the school and classes from
March 30th. till Dec. 31st. 1901.

Incident Closed

Lastly. The Faculty bear no ill will towards any one of you. Your diplomas are simply delayed to subserve the interests of proper discipline in your institution. On your return this unpleasant incident will be at an end, and we shall labor for your advancement as patiently as heretofore.

It is understood that the above action closes the matter with the Faculty and that they will not open it again. It was a conscientious solution of the matter and the only one which in their opinion could be at any time profitably adopted as a precedent.

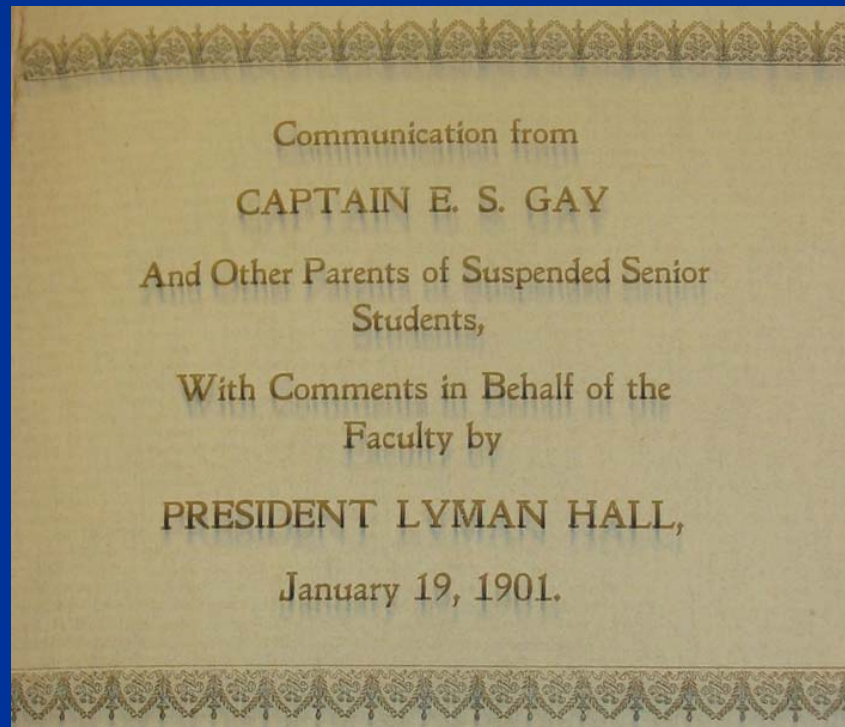
The Parents' Counter

16. Under the circumstances, with all proper respect to the President and Faculty, we appeal to you as the representatives of the parents and guardians of the students in their relation to the institution at heart, as being in close touch and sympathy with Faculty in the performance of their high and responsible duty, that you intercede in behalf of your petitioners and the young men of said class with the Faculty; that without impairment of the discipline of the institution, the dignity and authority of the Faculty, and with justice to all concerned, that they, the Faculty, will relieve the members of this class from further punishment.

17. That the said class be reinstated, and that the time already lost by their enforced absence from school may in no way operate to their prejudice in graduating and receiving their diplomas at the close of the present session, is the earnest appeal of your petitioners.

Hall's Rebuttal

- Pamphlet in which Hall contests the parents' complaint, point by point



Hall's Rebuttal

I hope you will use your influence to keep the matter from the public in future, as it is the belief of our Trustees and Faculty that further agitation might result in injury to the members of your class, and possibly to the good name which the school has always enjoyed in the matter of exemplary conduct of its students..

I beg you will forward this letter to the different members of the class, as they have apparently placed their interest in your hands.

Very truly yours,

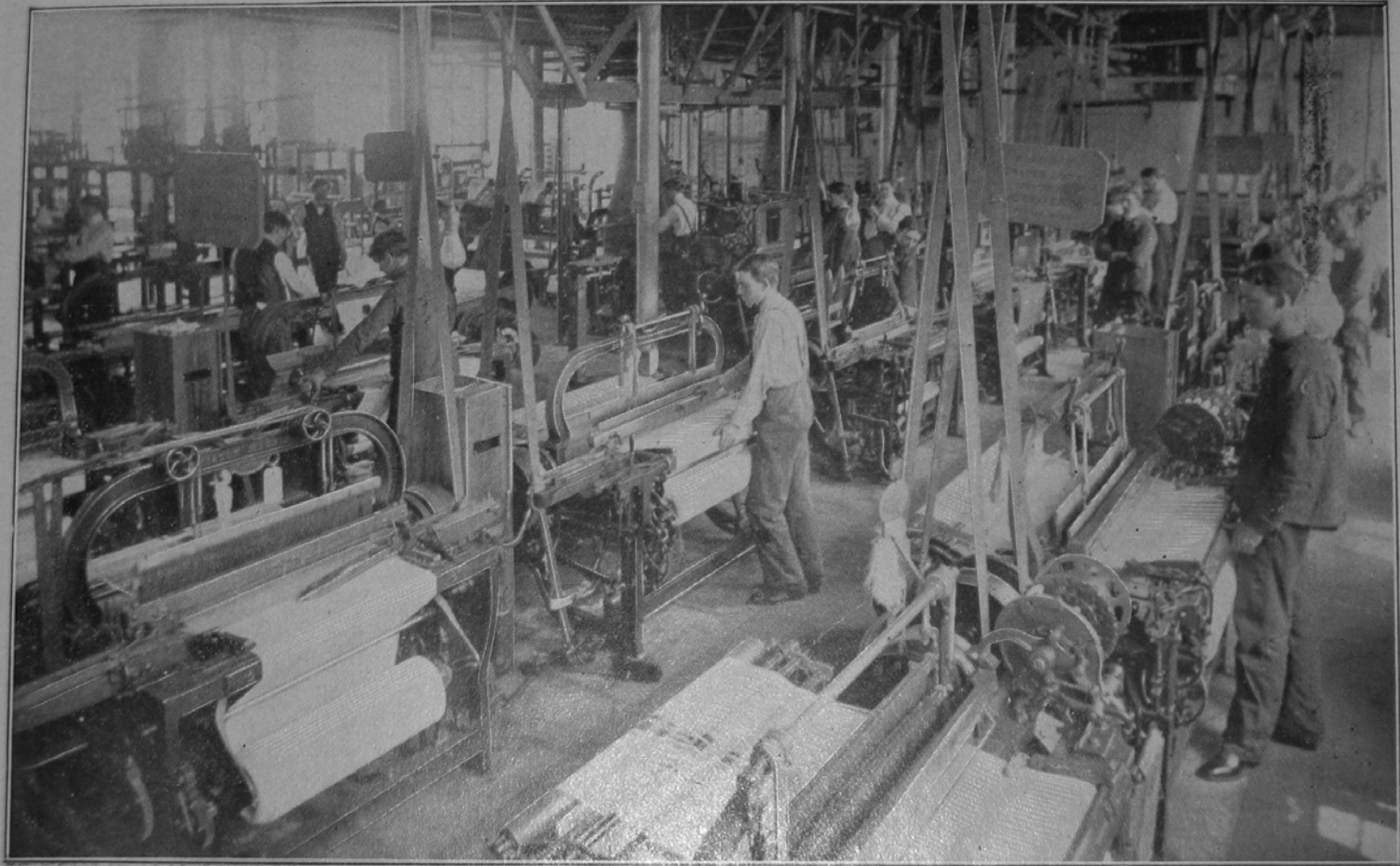
(Signed)

LYMAN HALL, President.

Why such a severe punishment?

- Hall graduated from West Point
- Pressure for GT to succeed
- Theory vs practice

Why such a severe punishment?



PRACTICE ON POWER-LOOMS,

Student Integrity

- What was integrity in 1901?
 - Academic honesty
 - Gentlemen
- What is student integrity today?
 - Academic honesty (honor code)
 - Student code of conduct

Could this happen today?

- Probably not...
- GT is much bigger than it was then
- More “laid back”... students have more freedom